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Docket No. 460.1832USX Anticipated Classification of this Application Class: Subclass: Prior Application: 09/519,096 filed March 6, 2000 Examiner: Art Unit:

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a **XX** continuation-in-part ____ continuation ____
divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application, Serial No.
09/519,096 filed on **March 6, 2000** of **Pauley et al.** for **PRE-EXPANDED TAMPON**
PLEDGET.

The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT BELOW				
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	BASIC FEE \$740.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	70 - 20 =	50	x \$18.00	\$900.00
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE			x \$280.00 = \$0	
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1. **XX** A check in the amount of \$ **1892.00** is enclosed to cover the filing fee (\$1892).
2. **XX** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.
3. ____ Cancel in this application original claim(s) _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
4. ____ A new oath or declaration, new formal drawings and an affidavit or declaration verifying it as a true copy is enclosed.

5. XX Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: ---
This is a XX continuation-in-part , ____ division, of application serial no. 09/519,096,
filed March 6, 2000.---

6. XX The prior application is assigned of record to: **Playtex Products, Inc.**

7. XX The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Charles N.J. Ruggiero, Esq.

a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

b. Address all future communications to : **CHARLES N.J. RUGGIERO, ESQ.**

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8. ____ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment
have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following
the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

9. XX Priority of application Serial No. 09/519,096 filed on March 6, 2000 is
claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120;

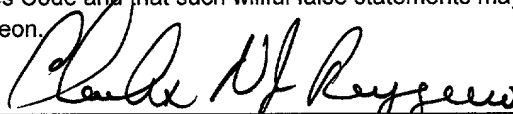
10. ____ I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application
serial no. _____ as originally filed on _____.

11. XX A copy of the extension of time document filed December 3, 2001 in the
parent case is enclosed.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that
all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made
with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or
both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize
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